U.S. Embassy Dakar, Senegal Emergency Message for U.S. Citizens – Possible Bomb Threat February 22, 2013

The US Embassy is aware of a possible bomb threat in downtown Dakar today. Exact time and locations are unknown, although it could possibly coincide with afternoon prayers. The Embassy has advised personnel to avoid travel in the downtown area for the rest of the day.

Please note that the Embassy is in the process of moving to its new location in Les Almadies. The new Embassy phone number is **+221-33-879-4000**.

You can stay in touch and get Embassy updates by checking the <u>U.S. Embassy Dakar</u> website. You can also get global updates at the U.S. Department of State's, <u>Bureau of Consular Affairs website</u> where you can find the current <u>Worldwide Caution</u>, <u>Travel Warning</u>, Travel Alerts, and <u>Country Specific Information</u>. Follow us on <u>Twitter</u> and the Bureau of Consular Affairs page on <u>Facebook</u> as well, or you can download our free Smart Traveler App, available through <u>iTunes</u> and the <u>Android</u> marketplace, to have travel information at your fingertips. If you don't have internet access, current information on safety and security can also be obtained by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States, or for callers from other countries, a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

If you are going to live in or travel to Senegal or Guinea-Bissau, please take the time to tell us about your trip by enrolling in the **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program** (STEP). If you enroll, we can keep you up to date with important safety and security announcements. It will also help your friends and family get in touch with you in an emergency. You should remember to keep all of your information in STEP up to date. It is important during enrollment or updating of information to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

If you have questions or concerns about safety or related issues, you are encouraged to contact the consular section at the Embassy by sending an email message to **consulardakar@state.gov**. The Embassy telephone number is +221-33-879-4000.